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ZAIRE PRESS AGENCY (AZAP) APRIL 27 BULLETIN HEADLINES
"ZAIRE-USA: SOLID TIES OF FRIENDHIP AND COOPERATION"
FRONT-PAGE COMMENT, BUT NOTES THAT THE "PRINCIPAL PREOCU-
PATION OF AFRICA AT THIS MOMENT REMAINS THE LIBERATION
OF THE SOUTHERN PART". ZAIRE'S POSITION, AS EXPRESSED BY
PRESIDENT MOBUTU IN HIS OCT. 1973 SPEECH AT THE UNITED
NATIONS, REMAINS UNCHANGED: "POWER MUST PASS TO THE BLACK
MAJORITY IN ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA MUST RECOVER ITS INDEPENDENCE
AND THE BLACKS OF SOUTH AFRICA THEIR DIGNITY BY THE TOTAL
ELIMINATION OF APARTHEID. THE UNITED STATES, DR. KISSINGER
HAS OFTEN REPEATED, RECOGNIZES THE LEGITIMACY OF THESE
OBJECTIVES. THE PROBLEM IS TO DEFINE EXACTLY THE TYPE OF
SUPPORT IT (THE UNITED STATES) IS READY TO GIVE TO THE AFRI-
CAN NATIONALISTS", NOTES ASAP. IN CONCLUSION, AZAP STATES
THAT THE KISSINGER VISIT "WILL BE MOST PRODUCTIVE AND
WILL BRING MORE SUPPORT TO THE WORK OF NATIONAL CONSTRUC-
TION "STARTED BY PRESIDENT MOBUTU. LEAD INSIDE EDITORIAL
"KISSINGER IN KINSHASA" NOTES THAT THE SECRETARY'S VISIT
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COMES AT A TIME "WHEN AFRICA OCCUPIES A PLACE OF MORE AND

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MORE IMPORTANCE IN THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE UNITED STATES."
THE KINSHASA TALKS, THE AZAP COMMENTARY NOTES, WILL CONCERN
"BILATERAL COOPERATION AND AGREEMENTS, WHICH IT IS UNDERSTOOD,
MAY BE SIGNED AT THE END OF THESE CONFERSATIONS." AFTER
RECOUNTING US INVESTMENT AND INTEREST IN ZAIRE, AZAP STATES
THAT "THE UNITED STATES REMAINS, THEN, A PARTNER CAPABLE
OF AIDING THE RESOLUTION OF THE NUMEROUS PROBLEMS WHICH
ZAIRE FINDS ITSELF CONFRONTED WITH," AS DEPUTY SECRETARY
ROBINSON INDICATED DURING HIS FEBRUARY VISIT WHEN HE SAID
THE UNITED STATES WANTED TO HELP ZAIRE THROUGH ITS TEMPORARY
ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. IN SUMMARY, SAYS AZAP, "IN WASHINGTON,
AS IN KINSHASA, IT IS ESTABLISHED THAT THE VOYAGE TO ZAIRE
OF MR. KISSINGER WILL ENLIGHTEN A NEW DAY IN THE FRUITFUL
COOPERATION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND OUR COUNTRY."
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